

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (currently amended) A vehicle closure hinge comprising:  
a mount including a pivot axis flange;  
a pivot link;  
a pivot coupling said pivot link to said axis flange;  
a spring comprising a strand with a laterally coiled strand portion extending from a first coil end to a second coil end, said strand having a first strand end at said first coil end and a second strand end with a longitudinally extended portion extending from a second coil end along a longitudinal direction of said [[coil]] coiled strand portion to a position at said first coil end, wherein said first and second strand ends bias said link and said mount at said first coil end.
2. (currently amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said longitudinally extended portion is positioned within said [[coil]] coiled strand portion.
3. (currently amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said longitudinally extended portion is coaxial with said [[coil]] coiled strand portion.
4. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said first strand end and said second strand end terminate at a substantially coplanar position.
5. (canceled)
6. (currently amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said first and second strand ends include radially extending arm portions.

7. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said arm portions has a terminal portion pivotally secured to one of said pivot link and said mount.

8. (currently amended) The invention as defined in claim 7 wherein both said first and second strand ends include radially extending arm portions having terminal portions, a first of said terminal portions being pivotally secured about a first spring arm axis to said pivot link, and a second of said terminal portions being pivotally secured about a second spring arm axis to said mount.

9. (original) The invention as defined in claim 8 wherein said first spring arm axis and said second spring arm axis are spaced from and parallel to the axis of said pivot axis flange.

10. (currently amended) A method for spring biasing a vehicle closure hinge comprising:

mounting a pivot axis flange on a compartment bordering structure;  
aligning a pivot link carried by the vehicle closure adjacent said pivot axis flange;

coupling said pivot link to said pivot axis flange;  
biasing said pivot link about said pivot axis with a spring having a laterally coiled strand spring portion extending from a first coil [[and]] end to a second coil end, said strand spring having a first strand end at said first coil end, and a second[[.]] strand end portion extending from said second coil end along a longitudinal direction of said [[coil]] coiled strand portion to a position at said first coil end, wherein said biasing acts about said pivot axis at said first coil end.

11. (original) The invention as defined in claim 10 wherein said biasing includes aligning said second strand end portion through said coil.

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